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GENEVA FOR SEC. HATHAWAY/SAYLOR

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRTEY BERGLAND

1. VICE MINISTER RUNOV ADVISED 2/14/78 THAT MINISTER MESYATS CONCURS WITH PROPOSED VISIT DATES OF MAY 10-18 IN USSR AND MAY 10 THRU 12 IN MOSCOW.

2. NO FIRM DECISION YET POSSIBLE, ACCORDING RUNOV, ON PROPOSED ITINERARY WITHIN SOVIET UNION, BUT MOSCOW, KIEV AND KRASNODAR APPEAR CERTAIN. HE IS CONCERNED THAT VISIT TO CENTRAL ASIAN CITY WOULD BE TOO DISTANT TIME-WISE FOR THE CONTEMPLATED LENGTH OF THE SECRETARY'S STAY. WE ALSO NOW UNDERSTAND THAT DEPARTURE MAY BE ADVANCED TO EVENING OF MAY 16. WILL AWAIT CONFIRMATION OF THIS BEFORE ADVISING SOVIETS. SEE NO PROBLEM WITH SUCH CHANGE EXCEPT NEED TO RESTRICT VISIT TO THREE CITIES: MOSCOW, KIEV AND ANOTHER.

3. VICE MINISTER GORDEYEV HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF U.S. DESIRE TO HOLD GRAIN CONSULTATIONS DURING MAY 10-12 PERIOD.

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ASSUME MAY 12 IS STILL CONSIDERED BEST FOR THIS MEETING SO THAT DR. HATHAWAY WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY TO HIS MEETINGS WITH MINISTER MESYATS AND ANY OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS ON MAY 10 AND 11.

4. NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON APPOINTMENTS OTHER THAN MESYATS. WE NOTIFIED RUNOV THAT SECRETARY WOULD OF COURSE

BE GLAD TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER OFFICIAL CALLS SOVIETS DESIRE. GROMYKO AND KIRILLIN (SCST) WERE DISCUSSED AS MOST LOGICAL SINCE KIRILLIN IS HEAD OF ALL SCIENCE AND CULTURAL AGREEMENT FOR SIVIET SICE. BOTH ARE THEREFORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN AG AGREEMENT MATTERS AND, IF DESIRED, SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES COULD BE RAISED WITH BOTH.

5. RUNOV RAISED SUBJECT OF MINISTER MESYATS' AND SECRETARY BERGLAND'S SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. HE STATED THAT IN HIS VIEW NO LENGTHY REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT OPERATIONS WAS NEEDED, E.G., THE HISTORY OF THE AGREEMENT OR CURRENT YEAR PROJECTS. AGATT REPLIED SAYING, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE FULL DETAILS ON SECRETARY'S INTERESTS IN THIS REGARD, THAT HE EXPECTED THE TALKS TO DEAL LARGELY ON FUTURE COOPERATION AND PROBLEMS. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT LETTER FORM SECRETARY BERGLAND TO MINISTER MESYATS ON VISIT COULD BE EXPECTED SHORTLY.

6. RUNOV PROPOSED THAT MESYATS AND SECRETARY CO-SIGN SOME DOCUMENT DURING THE VISIT. POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS DISCUSSED. SIGNING OF LETTER OF INTENT FOR 5-YEAR EXTENSION OF BILATERAL ON AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT WAS MENTIONED ALSO AS EXAMPLE, BUT THIS IS SUPERFLUOUS SINCE AGREEMENT WAS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED WHEN NEITHER PARTY GAVE NOTIFICATION TO CANCEL BY DEC. SOVIETS ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPECTED TO PURSUE THIS MATTER.

7. RUNOV RAISED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN CITIES. AGATT INDICATED DESIRE OF SECRETARY TO TRAVEL, IF POSSIBLE, BY PRESIDENTIAL PLANE, MENTIONING ALSO THAT PRECEDENT EXISTS FOR SUCH TRAVEL, E.G., CONGRESSMAN ALBEXKT'S VISIT TO USSR IN 1975 AND OUR OFFER TO ALLOW PATOLICHEV TO USE SOVIET PLANE ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO U.S. RUNOV ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITY. CONSIDERABLE TIME MAY BE REQUIRED FOR SIVEIT CLEARANCES AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO LEARN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WHETHER NECESSARY SOVIET CLEARANCES ETC. ARE OBTAINABLE. THEREFORE RECOMMEND AGRICULTURE AND AIR FORCE COMMENCE ACTION ON THIS IMMEDIATELY.

8. FOR RESERVATIONS, EVENTS, ETC. SOVIET SIDE WILL NEED TO KNOW NAMES AND SIZE OF SECRETARY'S PARTY, INCLUDING ORGANIZATIONS, TITLES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES. SINCE CHANGES IN PARTY ARE INEVITABLE, PERHAPS BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO FIX AND ADVISE MAXIMUM PARTY SIZE AT OUTSET INCLUDING SEPARATE FIGURE FOR DISTAFFS. NAMES, ETC. SHOULD BE SUPPLIED ASAP. IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL TO SUPPLY COMPLETE

LIST IMMEDIATELY. (REQUIRED MOSCOW COMPLEMENT WILL NUMBER
6, INCLUDING 2 DISTAFF. THIS ASSUMES AMBASSADOR AND MRS.
TOON ARE PLANNING TO ACCOMPANY). EARLY AS POSSIBLE ADVICE
OF VIPS FROM OTHER AREAS OF USG IS VERY IMPORTANT. SECRE-
TARY AND AMBASSADOR TOON SHOULD CONTROL PARTICIPATION IN
MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETINGS.

9. AGATT WILL BE EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT.
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